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SUBJECT: CUBAN CHARGES OF USG DESTABILIZATION IN JAMAICA

REF: KINGSTON 3963

1. (U) SUMMARY: RADIO HAVANA ONCE AGAIN HAS CHARGED THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN LEAGUE WITH JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) LEADER EDWARD SEAGA AND OTHER REACTIONARIES, IS CONDUCTING A DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN IN JAMAICA. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS HERE, THE BROADCAST ASSOCIATED BOTH SEAGA AND POLICE FEDERATION PRESIDENT JOHN MCBETH KAWITH THE CAMPAIGN. IN A RELATED MATTER, COLUMNIST CARL STONE HAS ACCUSED THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT OF COMPLICITY WITH CUBA IN THE CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE USG IN JAMAICA. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) CUBA HAS ONCE MORE JUMPED INTO THE JAMAICAN POLITICAL FRAY AND REITERATED CHARGES THAT THE UNITED STATES, ACTING THROUGH THE CIA, IS ENGAGED IN A DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT. IN A JUNE 2 BROADCAST MONITORED IN JAMAICA (REPORTED BY THE DAILY GLEANER), A

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RADIO HAVANA NEWSCASTER ATTACKED OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA AS A "RIGHT WING LEADER" OF "AN OVERTLY REACTIONARY" PARTY AND ACCUSED HIM OF BEING AN AGENT OF THE CIA. THE BROADCAST ALSO ACCUSED HIM OF BEING A SWORN ENEMY OF THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT WHO WILL EVEN ENGAGE IN ESPIONAGE SUCH AS HE HAD DONE TO OBTAIN THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH BEFORE A CLOSED SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

3. (U) THE BROADCAST LINKED A RECENT STATEMENT BY JOHN MCBETH, PRESIDENT OF THE POLICE FEDERATION, CALLING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON (KINGSTON 3985) TO SEAGA'S ACTIVITIES. RADIO HAVANA CLAIMED THAT MCBETH'S STATEMENT WAS COORDINATED WITH A USG DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN. THE NEWS ITEM THEN REITERATED THE CHARGE THAT THE CIA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FRIE AT THE SEVENTIDE

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HOME IN WHICH 144 ELDERLY WOMEN LOST THEIR LIVES. (REFTEL...
4. CONTINUING TO PRESS THE CHARGE THAT THE U.S. IS ENGAGED
IN A CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT. THE...
BROADCAST CONCLUDED BY SAYING, IT IS EVIDENT THAT MCBETH'S
ACCUSATIONS AND SEAGA'S ESPIONAGE ARE LINKED TO U.S. MANEUVERS,
PRESSURES AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT. IT IS
WELL KNOWN THAT THESE MANEUVERS WORSENERED AFTER MANLEY REJECTED
THE CONDITIONS THE IMF TRIED TO IMPOSE PRIOR TO THE GRANTING
OF A LOAN TO JAMAICA. IN A LATER NEWS BROADCAST, A RADIO
HAVANA NEWS ITEM SAID THAT CUBA AND EAST GERMANY DENOUNCED
THE "IMPERIALIST DESTABILIZING MANEUVER" IN JAMAICA. THE
DENUNCIATION CAME AT THE END OF THE EAST GERMAN PRESIDENT
ERIC HONECHER'S SIX-DAY VISIT TO CUBA.

5. (U) ON THE SAME THEME, RESPECTED ACADEMIC POLLSTER AND
COLUMNIST CARL STONE, WRITING IN THE JUNE 4 DAILY GLEANER

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HAS ACCUSED THE GOJ OF COMPLICITY IN THE CUBAN CAMPAIGN TO
WEAKEN U.S. INFLUENCE IN JAMAICA. SONTE WRITES THAT "BUT
FOR THE FACT OF OUR GROWING SATELLITE RELATION WITH CUBA, OUR
JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PROTESTING THIS GROSS
INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THIS IRRESPONSIBLE
EXERCISE IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PROPAGANDA. IT IS ALSO
OBVIOUS TO ME THAT THE CUBANS WOULD NOT HAVE MADE THAT
STATEMENT (ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
EVENTIDE FIRE) WITHOUT FIRST CLEARING IT WITH EITHER THE
PRIME MINISTER OR THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY."
STONE'S COMMENTS CAME IN A COLUMN ALLEGING THAT THE MANLEY
GOVERNMENT HAS ENDANGERED JAMAICAN SOVEREIGNTY BECAUSE
IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY HAVE FALLEN UNDER SOVIET-
CUBAN INFLUENCE.

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